

Decision No. ~~36899~~

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of INTERSTATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a corporation, for authorization to establish, maintain and operate a telephone exchange at Inyokern, Kern County, California, and provide and render telephone exchange service in the Inyokern exchange area, (Kern and San Bernardino Counties, California) and to file and make effective rates for telephone and telegraph service in said Inyokern exchange area.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 25994

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application Interstate Telegraph Company, engaged in a general telephone and telegraph business in the Counties of Mono, Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino in the State of California, and in the Counties of Nye and Esmeralda in the State of Nevada, seeks authority to establish a telephone exchange at Inyokern to furnish exchange service therefrom in parts of Kern and San Bernardino Counties in California, to discontinue present toll stations in the area, and to establish an exchange connecting point for toll telephone and telegraph service.

The area of the proposed Inyokern exchange is known as Indian Wells Valley approximately twenty-five miles north of Randsburg. At present all telephone service in the area is furnished by means of five toll stations all connected to a metallic toll circuit from Randsburg, Kern County, extending through Inyokern to Dunmavin toll station in Inyo County, and listed as follows: "Inyokern," "Inyokern Army Air Base," "Inyokern Substation," "Inyokern Weather Station," and "U.S. Naval Air Station-Inyokern."

The requirement for increased telephone facilities and service at Inyokern, as stated in the application, is due to greatly increased military activities in the area. Attached to the application are two letters from the

Commandant, Eleventh Naval District, ordering the installation of nine telephone stations at Inyokern. Photostat copies of letters from the agents for the "Inyokern," "Inyokern Army Air Base," and "Inyokern Substation" toll stations requesting the installation of exchange service are included in Exhibit "D" attached to the application.

It is proposed to install a one-position manual switchboard temporarily in a trailer on a parcel of land owned by applicant, and later to locate the switchboard in a permanent structure. The toll line facilities as rearranged and augmented under the proposal for connection at Inyokern include one circuit from Inyokern to the Dunmavin toll station, one circuit from Inyokern to Randsburg, one phantom circuit from Inyokern to Bishop, and one phantom circuit and one H-1 carrier circuit from Inyokern to Los Angeles. A map attached to the application as Exhibit "C" delineates the boundaries of the proposed Inyokern exchange and primary rate areas. The exchange and toll telephone and telegraph service tariff schedules proposed for Inyokern exchange are set forth in Exhibit "E" attached to the application. The exchange service rates are the same as Randsburg exchange rates for the same grades of service. The charges for toll telephone and telegraph service to and from Inyokern exchange subscribers would be in accordance with bases used by applicant throughout its territory. All present toll stations in the proposed exchange area except "Inyokern Weather Station" would be discontinued with the opening of the exchange.

O R D E R

The Commission having considered applicant's request and being of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a hearing is required, and that applicant's requests should be granted, therefore,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby finds as a fact that the opening of a telephone exchange at Inyokern with exchange and primary rate areas as set forth on Exhibit "C" and with rates and charges for service as shown on Exhibit "E" is justified,

IT IS ORDERED that Interstate Telephone Company may:

1. Establish a telephone exchange at Inyokern for the furnishing of exchange and toll telephone service and telegraph service on or before May 1, 1944.
2. Establish a toll telephone and telegraph rate point at Inyokern in accordance with Exhibit "B" attached to the application and make the same effective coincident with the establishment of the Inyokern exchange.
3. Make effective, coincident with the establishment of the Inyokern exchange, the tariff schedules set forth in Exhibit "E" and a map of the Inyokern exchange and primary rate areas as delineated in Exhibit "C," respectively, attached to the application.
4. Discontinue the Inyokern, Inyokern Army Air Base, Inyokern Substation, and U.S. Naval Air Station-Inyokern toll stations coincident with the establishment of the Inyokern exchange.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the tariff schedule filings with the Railroad Commission necessary to make effective 1, 2, 3, and 4 above shall be made not later than fifteen (15) days immediately preceding the establishment of the Inyokern telephone exchange.

Except as otherwise prescribed herein, the effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1944.

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 (Commissioners)